

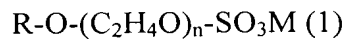
IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-21 (canceled)

Claim 22. (new) An aqueous hair cleansing composition comprising:

(A) 5 to 30 wt. % of a sulfate surfactant which is composed of sulfates represented by the following formula (1):



wherein, R represents a linear or branched C₈₋₁₈ alkyl or alkenyl group, n stands for 0 or a positive integer, and M represents sodium or ammonium, wherein 30 to 45 wt. % of the sulfates is a sulfate of formula (1) in which n=0, 18 to 27 wt. % of the sulfates is a sulfate of formula (1) in which n=1, 10 to 20 wt. % of the sulfates is a sulfate of formula (1) in which n=2, and the balance is a sulfate of formula (1) in which n is 3 or greater; and the total amount of the sulfates of formula (1) in which n is an integer of from 0 to 2 is 70 wt. % or greater based on all the sulfates, and

(B) a cationic polymer selected from the group consisting of cationic guar gum, a cationic hydroxyethyl cellulose and a mixture thereof,

wherein said composition has a pH of from 3 to 4.5 after dilution of 20 times the weight with water at 25°C.

Claim 23 (new): The aqueous hair cleansing composition of claim 22, which comprises 7 to 20 wt. % of said sulfate surfactant.

Claim 24 (new): The aqueous hair cleansing composition of claim 22, wherein said cationic polymer is present in an amount of 0.1 to 1.0 wt. %.